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Subj: BNSF Railway Company Rail Line Abandonment Project (STB Docket No. AB-6: Sub. No. 456 X), Riverside County, California


Dear Mr. DeBoever:

We have reviewed the information, which we received on October 30, 2007, regarding the proposed BNSF railway line abandonment project. This project is located south of Interstate 91, parallel to Jefferson Avenue and bisecting Lincoln Avenue in the City of Riverside, Riverside County, California. We are providing the following determination based on our review of information contained in your letter, including the Habitat Assessment (Powell Environmental Consultants, Oct. 17, 2007), and our knowledge of biological resources within Riverside County. This determination is provided in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

Based on the project description and the location of the project in a highly urbanized area, we believe the proposed project will not affect federally listed species, their designated critical habitat, or other Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction. Should project plans change, or if additional information on the distribution of listed or proposed species becomes available, this determination may be reconsidered.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Kathleen Pollett of this office at (760) 431-9440, extension 357.

Sincerely,


for Karen A. Goebel
Assistant Field Supervisor

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